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**Subject**: Re: Media inquiry on formaldehyde due 5 pm on Monday

Okay, thanks.

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On Jun 25, 2018, at 7:53 AM, Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer < Orme-Zavaleta. Jennifer@epa.gov > wrote:

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On Jun 22, 2018, at 10:26 PM, Maguire, Megan < Maguire. Megan@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi all- we got a media inquiry from Maria Hegstad with Inside EPA on the formaldehyde IRIS assessment (she sent several questions, I've included them at the bottom of this email). NCEA drafted a response, see below. Let me know how you all would like to respond. Thanks!

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The last inquiry on formaldehyde we got from May 30, OPA sent this response: "We continue to discuss this assessment with our Agency program partners and have no further updates to provide at this time." – EPA Spokesperson

Hello,

I am working on a story about the formaldehyde IRIS assessment. Can anyone provide comment on its status?

EPA stated it "plans to deliver an External Review Draft of its Formaldehyde Assessment for public comment and peer review in FY 2018" in its Jan. 2018 IRIS Report to Congress. Will EPA meet this commitment by Sept. 30?

Last month, Sens. Carper, Markey and Whitehouse requested information from EPA on the formaldehyde assessment's status -- while charging that the draft is ready for release and is being held back. Can anyone comment on the veracity of their claim? Is it possible to receive a copy of the agency's response to their letter?

EPA's 2012 Scientific Integrity Policy "Prohibits all EPA employees, including scientists, managers, and other Agency leadership, from suppressing, altering, or otherwise impeding the timely release of scientific findings or conclusions." Any comment on whether the formaldehyde IRIS assessment's release or lack thereof falls foul of the policy? Or whether the policy remains in effect?

I am working on a <u>5 pm Monday</u> deadline. Please cc my publisher, Jeremy Bernstein on any response, as I will be out of the office. (He is cc'd on this email.)
Many thanks, Maria

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Sent from my iPhone

Megan